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Current quarantine measures.

Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, September 14 and 21, 1898.]

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—According to advices of August 8, the quarantine declared March 11, against arrivals from Hongkong is suspended.

EGYPT.—The International Sanitary Council has declared the regulations against cholera to be in force against arrivals from Madras until further notice.

BELGIUM.

Mortality statistics for the principal cities for the month of August, 1898.

[Translated in this Bureau from the monthly reports of the Société Royale de Médecine Publique.]

Locality.	Popula- tion.	Causes of death.								Total deaths from all causes.
		Phthisis pul- monalis.	Smallpox.	Typhus fever.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping cough.	
Antwerp.....	282,872	0	0	0	2	25	3	8	2	594
Bruges.....	50,990	2	0	0	0	10	3	6	0	72
Brussels.....	205,451	33	0	0	5	1	1	3	2	283
Courtrai.....	32,949	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	27
Liege.....	168,100	20	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	189
Louvain.....	41,906	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
Mechlin.....	54,848	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Namur.....	32,732	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	32
Seraing.....	37,832	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Tournai.....	36,214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Verviers.....	52,726	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Total.....	996,620	71	0	0	8	40	8	24	11	1,505

BERMUDA.

Report of the registrar-general for the year 1897.

This report is always one of unusual interest. The one under review, the 31st annual report, was prepared by Mr. F. Goodwin Gosling, acting registrar-general. It contains the various tables which supply a fund of vital statistics of value to the whole community. Regarding the report itself, we shall content ourselves with the comparisons made between the annual and decennial returns to gain space for further extracts.

"The births registered during the year numbered 572, a decrease compared with 1896 of 15, and with the decennial average of 6.3. The marriages numbered 124, an increase, compared with 1896, of 24, and with the decennial average of 12.6. The deaths numbered 385, an increase, compared with 1896, of 10, with the decennial average of 9.5."

Dr. Hay (Robt. Hay, M. D.) deputy inspector-general, supplies the medical and surgical report of the royal naval forces at Bermuda between January 1 and December 31, 1897. We copy therefrom the appended remarks:

"The average daily mean strength of the naval forces at Bermuda during the year 1897, corrected for the time each ship remained at the

port, is 1,657, a decrease of 102 as compared with the previous year. This included 479 men employed in the dockyard.

"The number of cases of disease and injury under treatment during the year, from the service afloat, including 51 remaining in hospital from previous year, was 306, and 9 from the dockyard. Total, 315, an increase on the previous year of 13.

"The most prevalent diseases were venereal affections and their sequæ, diseases of the respiratory system, diseases of the digestive and intestinal systems, and local injuries.

"There have been a few other affections of minor importance. There has been no epidemic of any kind in Ireland Island throughout the year. The water supply is good and efficient. There have been only 4 cases of enteric fever admitted during the year, but the disease was not contracted in Ireland Island.

"The number of women and children on the island is, approximately, 500.

"Amongst the dockyard residents on Ireland Island there have been: Births, 12, 8 male, 4 female; deaths, 3, 1 cerebral tumor, 1 infantile diarrhea, 1 heat stroke; epidemics, nil."

Dr. Leake (George D. Leake, brig.-surgeon, lieutenant-colonel, A. M. S., senior medical officer) furnishes the table of the health of the troops in the Bermuda command, 1897, which we quote:

"The general health of the troops has been good.	
Average strength of the garrison.....	1,521
Number of admissions to hospital.....	687
Ratio of admissions per 1,000 of strength.....	451.68

Number of deaths—

Enteric fever.....	7
Tubercle of lung.....	3
Pneumonia.....	1
Sunstroke.....	1
Suffocation from submersion.....	2
Fracture of skull.....	1
Fracture of spine.....	1

Total	16
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Average number of daily sick.....	40.64
Average sick time to each other.....	9.75
Average duration of each case of sickness.....	21.59

Officers—

Average strength.....	67
Cases of sickness.....	20

Deaths—

Suffocation from submersion.....	1
Wound of skull.....	1

Total	2
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Women—

Average strength.....	112
Cases of sickness.....	64

Death—fracture of skull	1
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Total... ..	1
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Children—

Average strength.....	243
Cases of sickness.....	126

Deaths—

Debility	1
Eclampsia.....	1
Inflammation of membrane of brain.....	1
Enteritis	1
Diarrhea	1
Total	5

Corporal E. J. Harris, medical staff corps, prepared the table of meteorological observations made at the observatory, Prospect Hill, 1897, which clearly shows general results. We quote the summary note attached:

Mean atmospheric pressure for the year.....	30.132 inches
Mean temperature of the air for the year.....	70.0 degrees
Mean relative humidity for the year.....	84.0 per cent
Mean hourly velocity of wind for the year.....	8.8 miles
Total amount of rainfall for the year.....	59.40 inches
Difference of rainfall from average of the past seven years.....	4.89 inches less
Rain fell on one hundred and eighty-one days during the year.	

BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Bahia.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Bahia, Brazil, September 3, 1898.

SIR: Recently the Department sent me a number of blank forms to be, from week to week, filled out and transmitted to the Treasury Department and to show the sanitary condition of this port.

I beg leave to inform you that it is impossible for me to obtain any information along that line from the sanitary authorities of this port, and unless such information as may be gathered from other sources would be acceptable, I shall be unable to comply with the request.

The inspector of hygiene tells me that it is impossible to give the number of deaths in the city until the various cemeteries make reports of their interments, and at that date any report would be too late for our use, as they only make the report semiannually.

I have from time to time tried to get the authorities to state the number of cases of yellow fever and have never been able to get accurate and reliable information. At one time recently when I had three friends down with yellow fever the health board declared that there was not a case here and that there had not been a case here for months.

A few days since the British consul here received a letter from the Barbados board of health asking him to explain the reason why the British bill from this port was clean and that mine showed smallpox and yellow fever, and the consul requested me as a favor to him to state where I obtained my information, and also to state my opinion of the health of Bahia. To explain more fully the above, I quote from my reply to him under date of September 1: "You ask me to inform you as to where I obtain my information relative to the health of Bahia. You are doubtless aware of the fact that it is impossible to obtain information from the city board of health, and that being so, I am forced to rely upon such information as I may be able to gather at the different hospitals and from the doctors whom I meet there and elsewhere. As I am a doctor and bacteriologist myself and take particular interest along that line, I doubtless hear of and know of cases